

REMARKS

A new title in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestion is submitted.

The rejections of Claim 10-19 and 21 as being unpatentable over Suzuki et al. in view of Gregory et al. of Claim 20 as being unpatentable over Suzuki et al. in view of Gregory et al. and further in view of Steinmeier under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are respectfully traversed, and reconsideration is requested in light of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Although Applicants agree with the Office's conclusion that the Suzuki et al. channel and grooves do not have constant cross-sections, they cannot agree with the Office Action's characterization of the Suzuki et al. seat apparatus as having a plurality of ventilation channels. As a matter of fact, there is only a single air vent 23 in the middle of the seat cushion with a series of grooves 24 radiating outwardly from the vent 23.

For establishing a *prima facie* case of obviousness, the Office must do more than conjecture about what the references teach. In this connection, the Office Action can only state that the Gregory et al. patent appears to teach a constant cross-section based upon its drawings. Even though drawings are

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useful for supporting assertions as to the presence of certain elements, they cannot be used for dimensional features absent a clear disclosure. That is, patent drawings are usually not scale drawings. Moreover, it is also clear that Gregory et al. channels 121 and 114 do not intersect in flow terms and the same can be said about the Suzuki et al. seat apparatus.

The rejections thus do not set for the a *prima facie* case of obviousness. Accordingly, early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

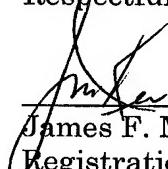
If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

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please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #095309.57633US).

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